

MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Since our affliction with "Grip" five years ago I have felt inclined to try the balmy breezes of the south awhile in the fall or winter season to see what effect it would have on my person. Accordingly I left Frankfort for Hillard, Mo., on the 13th ult., arrived the 14th; here we held several meetings in the Baptist Church. The meetings were middling well attended considering the thinly populated country, and several united with the Brethren church, and here trine immersion was witnessed for the first time in the history of the country. At the close of our services we over heard some make the remark that "if that man would stay here awhile he would organize a church," others spoke the same way directly to me.

On the 19th we took the train at Hillard for Floral, Ark. Arrived same evening, and by the earnest solicitation of Methodist brethren I began a short service in their church on the evening of the 21st. A more sociable and christian like people than these, are very hard to find anywhere.

On Sunday the 23rd I preached the funeral of two little girls whose obituary I herewith send for publication.

On this occasion and at the evening service of the same day we had large congregations, and I think we would have done well to have continued awhile at this point, but we were so strongly solicited to hold a few meetings at the Missionary Baptist church a few miles away that we went there. Here too we were greeted by a fair audience. On one occasion there was a Methodist minister present who volunteered to ask "all nonprofessors who felt that they were benefited and edified and who wished to start in a better life to come forward and give the preacher their hands." About thirty responded. We had to this time not preached any doctrine, but by earnest solicitation of several we did so afterwards. To the most of the people trine immersion was as strange doctrine as Mohammedanism would be to many of our people. Very few of these people had ever heard of such a thing. With some however it was well taken, others said while their minds were not changed, the doctrine looked reasonable and would be hard to withstand. Oh, how I felt the necessity of the distribution of the EVANGELIST and the Brethren's Tracts in this sunny clime. Could not measures be adopted whereby the Brethren's literature could be distributed in districts where the doctrine is not known.

Several united with us at this place, among whom was a regularly ordained elder of the United Baptist church. This man was many years ago baptized by trine immersion and was, as his certificate shows, ordained the same as we ordain, and was thereby duly authorized to administer all the ordinances of God's house. His credentials show that the ordination was done by prayer and the laying on of hands. Under the circumstances we judged it as unnecessary to reordain as to rebaptise,

and so we received him as a minister in the Brethren church. He is a physician and post-master at Floral.

There are now eight members to our knowledge in the extreme south part of Missouri and northern Arkansas, and room for many more who could be gotten into the church if vigorous efforts were made to that end.

I had made arrangements with the brethren at Adrian, Missouri, to also visit them and hold a protracted meeting for them, and stopped off at Hoxie, Ark., with a view of going there on the 3d inst., but found that none of my permits would be honored on any road leading to that point. Thence I made my way to St. Louis, Mo., and tried it again, but could do no better on rates, then I turned my course homeward. Of this I am sorry indeed, for I have tried to get to this point for a long time, and had about completed arrangements to that effect when I got hurt eighteen months ago.

J. H. SWIHART.

FROM DETROIT, KANS.

As I have not seen an article from this part of the Kanemorado District for a long time, I thought perhaps it was my duty to try and write a short article so that the brethren abroad may know that we are still alive and by the grace of God strong in the faith (and we believe the same faith that was delivered to the saints), and I thank my God that we have a doctrine that contains all the teachings of the New Testament, and bless the Lord it is one upon which all who love the Lord and wish to do his will can stand upon, and hoping and trusting by God's grace we shall always be able to uphold and defend under any and all circumstances the Gospel Alone Doctrine. The Lord in his infinite wisdom and love has planted this Gospel Alone Doctrine here, and by the power of his truth and the faithfulness of our dear pastor, James Kunts, it has been upheld by the strong arms of faith, in the midst of strong opposition and is slowly growing in strength and numbers. May the choice blessings of God be upon our pastor who has so faithfully and earnestly labored without money and without price, in behalf of our soul's salvation. Three weeks ago two more were added to our number by baptism, on the evening of Dec. 1st. We were gathered together to partake of our Lord's supper and communion; a truly blessed occasion of rejoicing. Only eighteen of our number being present, on account of a stormy evening. Hoping that these few lines may escape the waste basket, and that the brethren who are more favorably located will petition the Father of Mercies in behalf of us who are weak in number, but bless the Lord are strong in the faith. I am much pleased with our paper and would be glad to send it to others where I know that it would do good were I able to do so. And may God bless our church and all others that are striving to do the will of the Lord.

F. E. SMITH.

COMMUNION.

There will be communion services at the Mt. Pleasant Brethren church on Monday evening, Jan. 7th, 1895. All are invited, especially Flora, Salem and Edna Mills.

R. R. TEETER.

Rossville, Ind.

Marriages.

VANNOY-FAVERITE.—Married Mr. James Vannoy to Miss Louisa Favorite, both of Miami County, Ohio, at my residence in Troy, Ohio. Sunday, the 16, at 2 P. M.

SIMON MIKESELL.

Our Dead.

BAILEY.—Bessie Lillian Bailey was born September 15th, 1887 and died September 2nd, 1894.

BAILEY.—Lillie May Bailey was born June 3rd, 1890 and died December 4th, 1893.

SMITH.—The pale horse and his rider visited the Highland congregation in Washington Co., Pa., and called away from brethren, sisters, parents and many friends to whom he had endeared himself by his christian life. Abraham Smith departed this life on the first day of October, 1894. Aged 30 years, 2 months and 22 days. Became intermarried with Lizzie A. Bigler on the 10th of Nov. 1887, who preceded him to the spirit world, having departed this life on the 29th of October, 1891. They had both been members of the "Baptist" church, while Elder J. B. Wampler, of Blanco, Armstrong Co., Pa., was conducting a revival meeting in the Highland "Brethren church." Our dear bro. learned the way of the Lord more perfectly and united with the church, was baptized and confirmed by Brother Wampler on the first day of October, 1893. Hence lived just one year in the "church" of his choice. His life was such that his friends need not sorrow as those who have no hope. He bore his suffering with christian patience and fortitude and expressed a strong hope of future immortality. Exhorting the family, parents, brothers, sisters and all who visited him shortly before his departure to live christian lives so that they might meet him in "heaven." Our loss is his eternal gain.

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